



State of Vermont
Public Service Board

MEMORANDUM

To: PSB Rule 5.500 – Interconnection E-Mail Service List

From: Judith C. Whitney, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Re: Board Rule 5.500 — Request for Comments

Date: April 22, 2010

On April 16, 2010, Public Service Board ("Board") staff convened a workshop to further develop the proposed model documents called for under Board Rule 5.503(B), and to determine whether any modifications to Board Rule 5.500 are warranted.

Development of Model Documents

Under Rule 5.503(B), model documents may be used by the interconnecting utility and interconnection requester for the following: Feasibility Study Agreement; System Impact Study Agreement; Facilities Study Agreement; Interconnection Agreement; Technical Requirements; and Operator Protocols.

On January 20, 2010, the Interstate Renewable Energy Council ("IREC") filed a document entitled Model Interconnection Procedures. The IREC document contained three draft model documents: (1) Interconnection Feasibility Study Agreement; (2) Interconnection System Impact Study Agreement; and (3) Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement. On January 29, 2010, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") filed six draft model documents: (1) System Impact Study Agreement; (2) Interconnection Facilities Study Agreement; (3) Generation Interconnection Agreement; (4) Interconnection Technical Requirements; (5) Generation Operation Protocol; and (6) Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement.¹

In a February 9, 2010, memorandum, the Board requested comment on the proposed model documents. On February 22, 2010, both CVPS and IREC filed comments

¹ CVPS proposed a model Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement which is not addressed under Rule 5.503(B). Workshop participants agreed that model documents should include this agreement.

on the proposed model documents. On March 8, 2010, CVPS filed comments in response to IREC's February 22 filing.

At the April 16 workshop, participants agreed to provide further comments on the proposed model documents, including addressing the February 22 and March 8 comments submitted by IREC and CVPS. CVPS agreed to file an additional model document for comment: a Feasibility Study Agreement. The proposed model documents and comments are available on the Board's website at:
<http://psb.vermont.gov/docketsandprojects/electric/interconnection>.

Any comments on the proposed model documents must be submitted by May 7, 2010. Any responses must be filed by May 14, 2010.

Modifications to Rule 5.500

Workshop participants discussed possible changes to Rule 5.500, including changes identified in the February 22 and March 8 comments submitted by IREC and CVPS. Workshop participants agreed to provide further comments on Rule 5.500, including proposed redline/strikeout changes to Rule 5.500.

Any comments on the proposed changes to Rule 5.500 must be submitted by May 7, 2010. Any responses must be filed by May 14, 2010.